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FOR: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR) Before the Examiner:
MAINTAINING COMPRESSION) M. Ruthkosky
OF THE ACTIVE AREA IN AN)
ELECTROCHEMICAL CELL)

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
PURSUANT TO 35 U.S.C. §121

Sir:

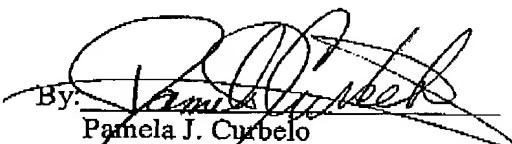
This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 10, 2004. The Examiner contends that: Group I, Claims 1-12, drawn to an electrochemical cell, classified in Class 429, subclass 37; Group II, Claims 12-25, 41, and 42, drawn to a pressure pad, classified in Class 267, subclass 110; Group III, Claims 26-27, drawn to a method of maintaining compression within an electrochemical cell, classified in Class 429, subclass 66; and Group IV, Claims 28-40, drawn to a method of forming a pressure pad, classified in Class 267, subclass 110. Pursuant to MPEP §§806.04, 806.05(c), 806.05(d), 808.01, and 35 U.S.C. §121 the Examiner requires restriction between Groups I, II, III and IV.

Accordingly, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group I, with traverse. This election is being made without prejudice to Applicants' rights with respect to Claims 13-42, Groups II, III, and IV, including the right to file divisional application(s) thereon.

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